

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 60s Issue: 14

Other known title(s): Sixties Issue: 14

OFLC ref: 0900242.000

Medium: Magazine

Distributor: Gordon & Gotch

Editor: Jean McDonald

Publisher: Trojan Publishing

Country of origin: United Kingdom

Language: English

Applicant: Gordon & Gotch

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: Either

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown by way of a label issued in accordance with a direction under section 36A(2);

and

That the label must be affixed to the package in which the publication is displayed so that the classification is brought to the attention of purchasers;

and

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package. The package must be made of opaque material.

Or

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown by way of a label issued in accordance with a direction under section 36A(2);

and

That the label must be affixed to the front of the publication in such a manner that it is visible at all times;

and

The publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Date of entry in Register: 31 August 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: 28 August 2009

Summary of reasons for decision:

The magazine requires restriction to adults because of its explicit sexual content. It focuses primarily on depictions of naked women in their sixties, posed in a sexual manner for reader titillation. Several pages densely packed with website, classified and telephone sex advertisements appear throughout the magazine, often using crude and derogatory terms for women. The availability of the magazine to children and young teenagers, who do not have the maturity or experience to deal with explicit sexual material intended for adults, is likely to be injurious to the public good. The material has the potential to confuse and disturb young people before a healthy sense of personal sexuality has been formed, and to lead them to regard the degrading, dehumanising and demeaning sexual comments and attitudes expressed in the advertisements as acceptable. Several small advertisements go very close to, but just fall short of, tending to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual and degrading conduct.

The restricted classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This limitation is demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society, given the likely injury to the public good if the magazine was available to children and young people.